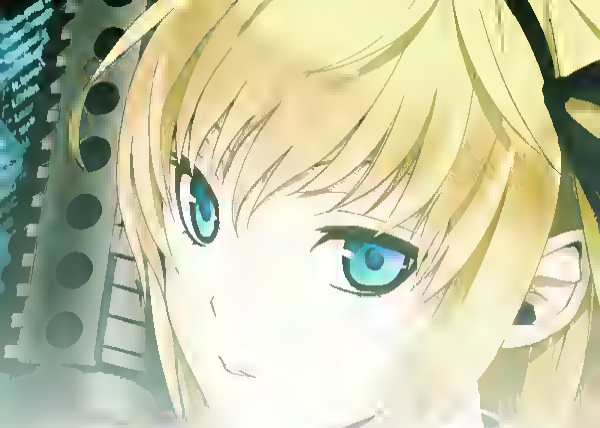

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Cyber-Alice and Inaba-kun [Story & Characters]

Welcome to Alice's Room

CHARACTERS

ALICE
A MYSTERIOUS MASTER CRACKER WHO APPEARS AS A CHARACTER IN "ALICE IN CYBERLAND"...??

KIRYUU SERIYA
THE SON OF THE KIRYUU GROUP THAT DEVELOPED "ALICE IN CYBERLAND"

INABA SHUUICHI
A SELF-STYLED "GENIUS" WHO ATTENDS SAION ACADEMY. HE HAS A POSITIVE PERSONALITY.

ABIRU NODOKA
SHUUICHI'S CLASS MATE A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL GIFTED WITH BOTH INTELLIGENCE AND BEAUTY WHO HAS A GENTLE DISPOSITION

WHAT'S "ALICE IN CYBERLAND"?
AN APPLICATION DEVELOPED BY THE KIRYUU GROUP WHICH ALLOWS USERS TO TALK TO CHARACTERS ON THE INTERNET. IT'S BECOME EXTREMELY POPULAR ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

LILY
SHUUICHI'S "ALICE IN CYBERLAND" CHARACTER.

STORY

迷える白うさぎが電脳の世界に迷い込む

謎の天才クラッカー【アリス】との交戦に成功した秀一は、通り魔事件解決へ動き出す。早速【アリス】から送られてきた指示通りに行動する秀一だったが、思いも寄らぬことに通り魔に襲撃されてしまう。だが、この事件をきっかけに秀一は黒瀬が犯人だと推理。その後、【アリス】から教えられた次の事件現場に桐生と共に向かった秀一は、目論見どおり黒瀬に遭遇する。しかし、そこにはのどかを襲う別の犯人の姿が…。通り魔事件の真犯人の正体とは!?

真相が暴かれる…!!

THE STORY CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE!

ANOTHER CHARACTER

KUROSE MASUTO
SHUUICHI'S CLASSMATE A QUIET GUY WHO TOOK A BREAK FROM SCHOOL

KUZE
A DETECTIVE WITH THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO'S INVESTIGATING THE RECENT ATTACKS

THE TRUE IDENTITY REVEALED IS...!?
HUH!?
電脳アリスと囚幡くん
NO WAY...
THIS GUY-IS THE RANDOM ATTACKER...!?
YOU'RE—

NOZAWA...

CHAPTER THREE
CYBER ALICE AND THE MACHINE GUN 3
TRY TO CAPTURE
THE TRUTH OF CYBERLAND---
電脳アリスと因幡くん
Cyber Alice and Inaba-kun
原作 Kusaka Shinya 草下シンヤ
漫画 Fujimaru Takumi 藤也卓巳

YOU'RE WRONG...!
I WAS JUST TAKING A LOOK AROUND IN THE HOPE OF PROTECTING EVERYONE FROM ANY SUSPICIOUS GUYS...!
THAT'S RIGHT!
THIS GUY IS RIGHT-HANDED, BUT WHEN HE'S BATTING HE USES HIS LEFT.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THE CULPRIT TO ACTUALLY BE LEFT-HANDED.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF!?
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO SAY THAT I DID IT...!?
ブブブ!
.....
SFX: SFX: VRVRVR

HERE
IS THE EVIDENCE.
WH-
WHAT IS IT!?
NOZAWA...
AH...

BUT NOZAWA-KUN WAS ASSAULTED TOO, WASN'T HE?
WHY'S THAT?
IT WAS FOR CAMOUFLAGE; DURING THE SECOND ATTACK, A BUTTON FROM HIS DRESS SHIRT WAS RIPPED OFF IN THE TURMOIL.
THAT MEANT EVERYONE WOULD KNOW THAT IT WAS A STUDENT FROM SAIONJI ACADEMY.
IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY SUSPICION, HE INJURED HIMSELF AND PRETENDED TO BE A VICTIM TOO.
IS THAT REALLY THE CASE...?
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, NOZAWA?
BUT WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
WHY ATTACK YOUR CLASSMATES ONE AFTER ANOTHER ...?
TCH...

ANYONE WOULD LOSE THEIR COOL WITH OTHERS TALKING BADLY ABOUT THE THINGS THEY LIKE, RIGHT?
BUT... THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD DECIDE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON MY OWN—
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF. I WAS ONLY FOLLOWING THAT GUY'S WORDS...
...IN THE BEGINNING, PEOPLE WERE SAYING BAD THINGS ABOUT ME
AND I DIDN'T LIKE THAT
NO WAY... THAT'S THE REASON WHY YOU ATTACKED PEOPLE!?
"THAT GUY"? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HEY, WHY DON'T YOU TRY TALKING ABOUT IT?
.....
AROUND ONE MONTH AGO,
MY AVATAR, DODO, BEGAN ACTING STRANGE
—
RECENTLY THERE'VE ONLY BEEN TRULY HORRIBLE HUMANS AROUND HAVEN'T THERE?
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM THEM.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE PEOPLE AT YOUR SCHOOL THINK ABOUT YOU?
DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU?

A HOST? WHAT'S THAT?
BUT I'M A HOST, SO I'M FREE TO DO WHAT I WANT
THAT'S TRUE FOR THE OTHERS
WEREN'T THE APP'S CHARACTERS SET SO THAT THEY COULDN'T REVEAL A HUMAN'S SECRETS?
As he said, Dodo began telling me various things,
such as the school students' secrets and habits.
AH, YOU'VE ONLY EVER SPOKEN TO ALIASES.
I'M A HOST WITH A REAL BODY, SO I CAN TALK TO YOU OF MY OWN FREE WILL.
FROM HERE ON OUT I CAN TELL YOU ALL SORTS OF THINGS.
Before long, however, that talkative Dodo became too valuable to just cast aside.
...OH, I SEE.
Somehow I had a bad feeling about that guy.
I'll go too
Nozawa has been boring recently, hasn't he?
IT'S AN ENTRY MAKING FUN OF YOU.
HERE, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
And then—
EVERY-ONE IS LAUGHING AT YOU.
THAT GUY IS LOOKING DOWN ON YOU.
HE SAYS YOU'RE AN IDIOT WHO CAN NEITHER PLAY BASE-BALL NOR STUDY.
As we continued to talk, the discussions slowly revealed insults from my other classmates.

THAT WAS WHY I...
...SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S WHY YOU DID IT...?
EVEN I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE, BUT THAT GUY SAID I HAD TO REPAY HIM...
HE SAID THE ONLY THING I COULD DO WAS PAY THEM BACK—
SO YOU WERE COMPLETELY BRAIN-WASHED...
THAT'S...
SQUEEZE

THAT'S
SOMETHING I CAN'T APPROVE OF!!
INABA—

NOZAWA,
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WERE INSTIGATED, YOU STILL COMMITTED THE SAME CRIME NUMEROUS TIMES.
THAT'S BECAUSE,
BEFORE YOU HAD REALIZED IT, YOU'D STARTED TO ENJOY ATTACKING PEOPLE. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
NO!!
I JUST BECAME WEIRD. THAT'S ALL!!
IT WAS REALLY FRUSTRATING BEING LOOKED DOWN ON SO MUCH—
IF THAT'S THE CASE...

THEN WHY DID YOU WIELD YOUR BAT IN ORDER TO STRIKE OTHERS?
YOU SHOULD ONLY HOLD A BAT FOR THE SAKE OF HITTING A BALL, RIGHT?
ALL BY YOURSELF
YOU'VE DESECRATED YOUR BELOVED BASEBALL.

.....
AH...
COME ON, LET'S GO.
YOU REALLY DID IT. DIDN'T YOU, PUNK?
pat
KUZE-SAN...
YOU'RE PRETTY COCKY FOR AN AMATEUR, AREN'T YOU?
TODAY IS MY WIN, HUH?
YOU REALLY SOLVED THE CASE!
ISN'T THIS GREAT, INABA-KUN!?
.....

YOU'RE ALICE, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT IS IT?
KIRYUU.
.....
ALSO, YOUR MIDDLE NAME "CEILA" IS AN ANAGRAM FOR "ALICE".
AFTER THAT, WHEN YOU SAID YOU "WANTED TO SOCIALIZE WITHOUT ANY DISTINCTIONS", THAT WAS A METAPHOR SUGGESTING THAT YOU KNEW MY SECRET.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GOT ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO ALICE.
WHY ...?
HUH? WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

HUH..? COULD I REALLY BE WRONG...?
YOU COULD HAVE JUST SET THE MESSAGE TO BE SENT AT A CERTAIN TIME.
WE WERE TOGETHER WHEN YOU RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM ALICE, WEREN'T WE?
BUT I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
DON'T TRY TO MAKE EXCUSES. I REALLY THOUGHT IT WAS IMPRESSIVE, KIRYUU.
WHAT'S ALL THIS? JUST BECAUSE OUR NAMES ARE SIMILAR DOESN'T MEAN I'M ALICE.
.....
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT,
THE TRUTH IS, INABA-KUN, THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY ALICE, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT!?
SINCE YOU'RE ALICE, YOU TRIED TO GET YOURSELF ASSAULTED IN ORDER TO TAKE A PICTURE FOR EVIDENCE, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU PRETENDED NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ALICE AND BROUGHT ME HERE.
INABA-KUN, YOU CAME TO MY RESCUE AS ALICE?
IS THAT TRUE?
NO... THAT'S ...
.....
SFX. STARE

I WAS COMPLETELY FOOLED TOO.
M... MY SECOND YEAR, I GUESS.
BY THE WAY, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ALICE?
BUT AS ALICE, WHY DID YOU TAKE SO LITTLE ACTION?
WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING!?
HMPH...
I KNEW IT!!
I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THROUGH IT SO EASILY.
AN-
ANY MORE THAN THAT IS A STATE SECRET.
HUH..? KUROSE ----
BUT WHY WAS HE LOITERING AROUND THIS AREA WITH AN IRON PIPE?
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE THE CRIMINAL, DID HE?
OH, OKAY.
...I'M GOING BACK.
SEE YOU LATER, NAKED PRINCE.
!!!

THAT GUY—
.....
THE BIG-SHOTS HELD A MEANING-LESS RACE.
WHO WON?
AND ...

WHO LOST?
HM?
WAS THERE ALWAYS A DOOR OVER THERE---?
キィ
SFX: CREAK
IS SOMEONE ENTERING THIS ROOM...?
キギギ
NO WAY...
SFX: SQUEAK

ALICE ....!?
YOUR MISCHIEF ENDS HERE

KUH...
SFX: FLAP
SFX: RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
SFX: CLICK

ZZZT
YOU REALLY ARE---
ALICE...
AN IDIOT.
IDIOT.
IDI---

UNINSTALL
COM-
PLETE.
flutter

ALICE,
HOW LONG DID YOU KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT WAS?
FROM THE BEGIN-NING
I LOOKED UP SOME CELL PHONE GPS LOGS AFTER THE REQUEST, THEN PUT IT TOGETHER IMMEDIATELY
A CELL PHONE'S WHEREABOUTS CAN BE TRACKED TO A SPECIFIC BASE STATION
I DISCOVERED THAT A THIRD PARTY'S CELL PHONE WAS PRESENT DURING THE FIRST TWO ATTACKS. IT WAS THAT BASEBALL CLUB MEMBER
THEN WHY DID YOU LET ME GET ATTACKED? WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN FINE TO CATCH HIM BEFORE THAT?
IF WE DID THAT, THEN THERE WOULD'VE BEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS THE PERPE-TRATOR
...SO YOU LET ME GET ATTACKED IN ORDER TO SNAP A PICTURE FOR EVIDENCE?
YEP.
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF I'D BEEN KILLED!?
NOBODY IS STUPID ENOUGH TO BECOME A MURDERER FOR THE SAKE OF KILLING SOMEONE LIKE YOU
YOU'D BE A DIS-TRACTION AT BEST.
SFX: CLATTER

AND WHAT WAS THE MEANING OF YOUR ASSIGNMENT YESTERDAY?
GRIND
URG, SHE'S PISSING ME OFF
COME TO THINK OF IT, THE CRIMINAL BASEBALL CLUB MEMBER ALSO DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL.
I SEE.
THAT BASEBALL CLUB MEMBER FOLLOWED A PATTERN OF TAILING THE VICTIMS FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE ATTACHING THEM.
SINCE HE RECENTLY BEGAN FOLLOWING ABIRU NODOKA, I THOUGHT HE'D SOON EXECUTE THE ATTACH AND MOVE ONTO A NEW TARGET
I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNEW ABOUT THAT,
KUROSE.
OH...
IS THAT SO?

WHENEVER YOU WERE GOING TO GO BACK,
YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT ME BEING A NAKED PRINCE, TIPPING ME OFF IMMEDIATELY.
.....
YEAH,
I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
THAT'S MY SECRET, RIGHT?
I GET IT, ALICE.
ACTU-ALLY---
I'M GOING TO TELL YOU MY SECRET.

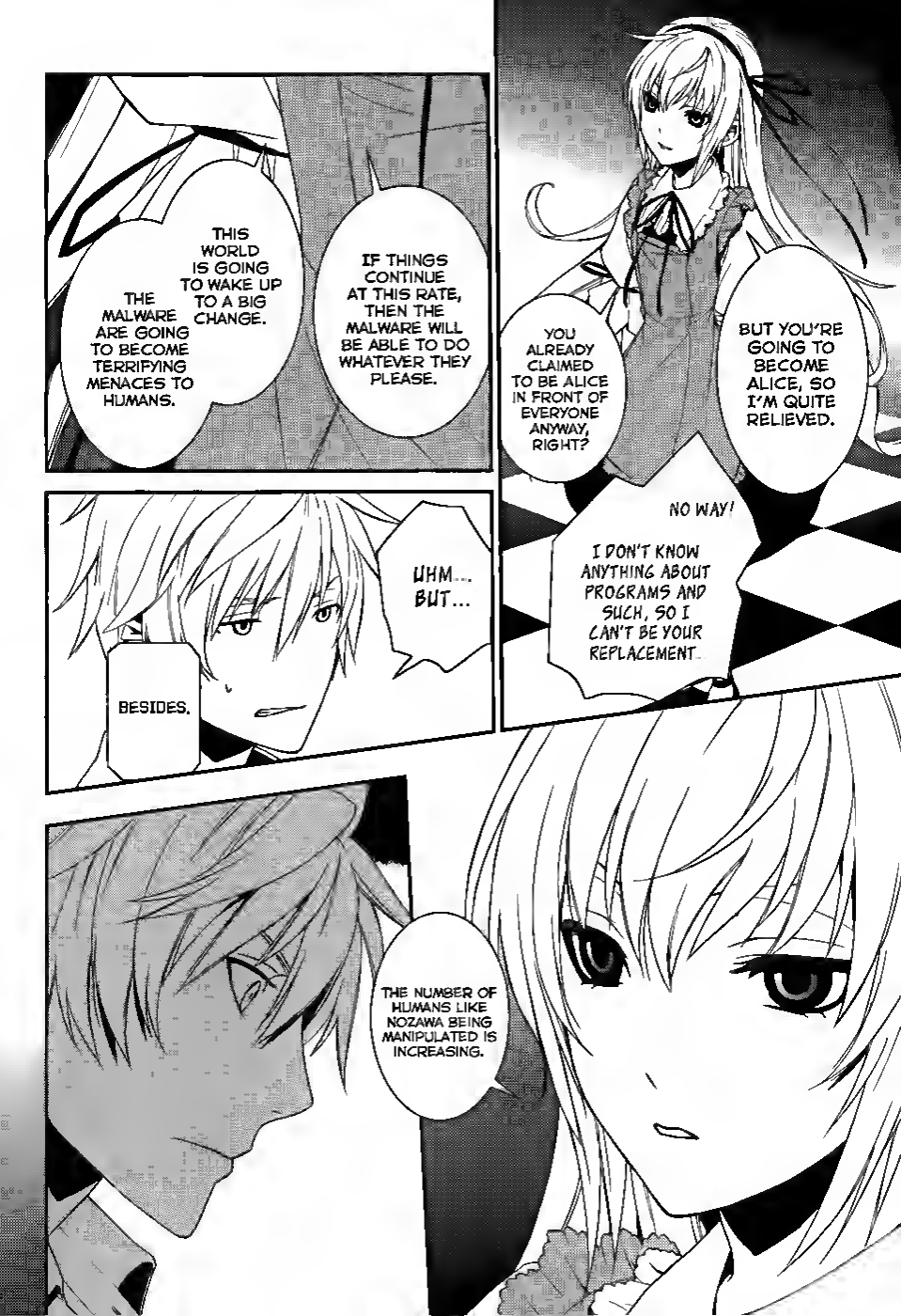
I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SLEEP-WALKING.
AS A KID, I USED TO DANCE AROUND NAKED PRETTY OFTEN.
THAT'S A SECRET WHICH I'VE NEVER TOLD ANYONE ELSE.
I'M BACK.
SHHF
THAT WAS FAST
WHAT'S IN THE BOX?
SHHF
HMPH.
WAIT A MOMENT.
AH-
THIS.
SFX: PLIP
HUH?
WAA AAA AAA AH!!!
ESASA
ARA
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAID IT HAPPENED LONG AGO, THIS VIDEO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN RECENTLY.

WH...
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT!?
I PICKED IT UP FROM THE NETWORK AFTER YOUR MOTHER TOOK THE VIDEO AND SAVED IT ON YOUR FAMILY'S HOME COMPUTER.
sweat sweat
IT'S REALLY STUPID OF YOU TO NOT KNOW SHE HAD SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
HOW DEFRES-SING
BUT BACK THEN, WHY DID YOU SAY SOMETHING THAT WOULD REVEAL YOUR TRUE IDENTITY?
SEE YOU LATER, NAKED PRINCE.
YOU WERE CLAIMING TO BE ALICE.
SO I THOUGHT I'D PASS THE RESPON SIBILITY OF ALICE OVER TO YOU.
WHAT!?
IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD SHOW.
YOU BAS-TARD ...

I'M TIRED OF BEING ALICE.
IT'S BECOME DIFFICULT TO EXTERMINATE ALL THE MALWARE RECENTLY.
IT'S TRUE THAT I SAID THAT BACK THEN, BUT...
I WANT YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE THINGS YOU SAID.
MALWARE?
THEY'RE MALIGNANT PROGRAMS.
THAT GUY---
.....
HEY,
WAS IT MALWARE THAT AGITATED NOZAWA?
.....

THE DODO BIRD.
THAT TALKATIVE GUY SAID TOO MUCH.
I HAD TO UNINSTALL HIM...
WITH THIS.
YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?
SFX: SHHP
WHAT!?
THEY DO
BUT FOR PROGRAMS TO DO BAD THINGS, WOULDN'T THAT MEAN THEY HAVE THEIR OWN SENSE OF SELF?
...KUROSE, ARE THERE MORE CHARACTERS WITH MALWARE?
THERE ARE MANY ENTITIES AND NOT ALL OF THEM ARE GOOD

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!!
Don't give me that bullshit!
THE AVATARS COLLECT THE THOUGHTS OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF HUMANS DURING THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM,
SO IT'S NOT STRANGE THAT THEY'D DEVELOP A SENSE OF SELF.
.....
KUROSE,
IS LILY
A BAD PROGRAM TOO?
INA-CHAN!
THAT ONE IS JUST LIVELY.
I SEE.
SFX: BEEP
ANYWAY, THIS FORM FEELS KIND OF UNPLEASANT.
I'M GOING BACK TO THE WEB VERSION.
shhf
AH, ALICE.


BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME ALICE, SO I'M QUITE RELIEVED.
YOU ALREADY CLAIMED TO BE ALICE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE ANYWAY, RIGHT?
NO WAY!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT PROGRAMS AND SUCH, SO I CAN'T BE YOUR REPLACEMENT.
IF THINGS CONTINUE AT THIS RATE, THEN THE MALWARE WILL BE ABLE TO DO WHATEVER THEY PLEASE.
THIS WORLD IS GOING TO WAKE UP TO A BIG CHANGE.
THE MALWARE ARE GOING TO BECOME TERRIFYING MENACES TO HUMANS.
UHM... BUT...
BESIDES.
THE NUMBER OF HUMANS LIKE NOZAWA BEING MANIPULATED IS INCREASING.

WELL, WHEN YOU DO TAKE OVER AS ALICE, I GUESS I CAN HELP YOU OUT WITH REQUESTS.
SINCE MY HOBBY IS COLLECTING PEOPLE'S SECRETS, I'M TAKING A BREATHER TO DO JUST THAT.
I'LL PROBABLY BECOME INCLINED TO HELP YOU FIGHT THE MALWARE AT SOME POINT THOUGH.
.....
HM. I GUESS YOU NEED TIME TO THINH ABOUT IT
I'LL IMMEDIATELY SPREAD YOUR NAKED DANCING VIDEO ALL OVER THE WEB FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE.
IF YOU DO----
AND IF I SAY NO?
This trap★ bastard.
YOU WON'T DO THAT, WILL YOU?
BUT... I GET IT.
★T.N. Trap=someone who pre tends to be the opposit sex

sigh
AND SO---
WELL THEN, I'LL SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMORROW
THAT'S... PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
OKAY...
I must now appease the ever-resourceful Alice and fight malware
I have to keep up this awkward facade wherein I pretend to be her fellow detective.

IT SEEMS THE DODO WAS KILLED.
SFX: ZZZHHHNNN
HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
rabble
ABOUT WHAT?
rabble
DID HE GO OUTSIDE AGAIN?
THAT GUY WANTED TO GO OUTSIDE WITHOUT DELAY;
HE GOT WHAT HE DESERVED.
BUT IT ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE THAT EASY TO DIE, RIGHT?
WHO DID IT?
IT WAS ALICE.

NO WAY! IT WAS HER...?
YEAH. IT WAS QUITE PAINFUL WHEN SHE PULLED ON MY EARS.
ALICE!?
WE'LL HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING IN SMALLER STEPS NEXT TIME.
rabble
THAT BITCH IS SO BOTHER-SOME.
ALICE IS REALLY...
rabble
LILY.

GO AND INVESTI-GATE ALICE.
IF SHE STARTS TO GET IN OUR WAY, THEN---
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?
.....
YES.

THE ONE SPORTING THAT BOLD SMILE IS...!?

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HMM? LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THEM, THEN.
PLEASE, TAKE A LOOK. SOME OF THEM LOOK QUITE PROMISING.
HERE. SOME NEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS, MISS AIMER.
PROJECTS
I WANT MORE PROJECTS AND FASTER RELEASES!
AW CRAP, THE FANS ARE GOING TO BE PISSED.
OH WELL.
THOSE WERE REALLY GOOD!
YES, THEY WERE. BUT WE SIMPLY DONT HAVE THE STAFF FOR THEM.
AGAIN?!
toss
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
WHAT?!?!
INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT MORE STAFF. THESE PROJECTS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES YOU KNOW.
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